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A method of mitigating interference in a satellite user uplink signal of a satellite mobile communications system which comprises a plurality of non–geostationary orbiting satellites (4) each radiating a beam pattern of multiple beams, comprising: providing overlapping coverage of a region of the Earth which is subject to interference at an interference frequency, by a first beam of a first satellite (4a) and at least a second beam of a second satellite (4b); determining which of said first or said second beam is more peripheral within their respective satellite beam patterns; and controlling communication (e.g. not using) on the more peripheral said beam to limit reception thereby at said interference frequency.